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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
CONGRESSMAN FRANCIS WALTER AND MR. ALLEN W. DULLES
ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1960

Mr. Dulles called Congressman Walter and after exchanging greetings, Mr. Dulles told the Congressman that he was calling him about two things. First, he wished to thank him for putting his VFW speech into the Congressional Record. The Congressman replied that it was a magnificent speech and he had been glad to put it in the Record.

The Director then said he was disturbed at a statement attributed to the Congressman, put out yesterday by the AP, and then quoted as follows:

"The FBI," Walter added, "gave the CIA certain information which certainly should have deterred the hiring of at least one of those two men."

Mr. Dulles said, "There isn't a word of truth in this. We had nothing to do with that." He went on to say that we had nothing to do with their employment and that there is nothing in the record to indicate that the FBI had ever given us any information regarding them. Mr. Walter replied that the FBI had given the information to somebody and that maybe it was the NSA, and if so, he would tell somebody." The Director said, "Yes, but you've tacked that onto me and that's bad." The Director then quoted again from the press clipping referred to above:

"He (Congressman Walter) indicated, however, that the CIA will be the chief target of the inquiry."

The Director said, "We're working hard here against Communism, as you are, and you're just destroying us." Mr. Walter said, "Oh Allen, how can you say that?" The Director said, "Well, I do say it." The Congressman thereupon said, "All right then, goodbye."

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